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MEMO

To: System Points of Entry and Local Planning and Coordinating Councils

From: Lanier DeGrella Ph.D., Part C Coordinator

Re: Regionalization

Date: March 18, 2002

Due to new leadership in the Bureau of Child Development, including both the Deputy Director of the Bureau and the Part C/First Steps Coordinator, Regionalization of the First Steps system has been placed on hold. This matter will be given careful consideration before a final decision is made.

In the meantime, it is the recommendation of the First Steps program staff that counties review opportunities that exist for improving efficiency by forming alliances with neighboring counties to create larger consolidated System Points of Entry that might be better able to meet the needs of several counties. Such collaboration has the potential to improve the quality of service delivery for Indiana's children with special needs and their families.